Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 27. It has turned cold enough to kill pigs, from the looks of the ice and frost these mornings.

Dr. C. C. Bell, of Lynchburg, preached a fine sermon at Bethel Church on last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. He then went to Trinity Church and preached again at 11:30. After lunch he held the first quarterly conference of this year there in the afternoon.

The following girls were here for the holidays: Misses Lee Carter and Frances Jennings from S. T. C., Farmville; Martha Thornhill, from Harrisonburg, and Lillie B. Davidson, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mrs. Lee Wheeler, Mrs. Anna Lee and Mrs. Florence Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Burnette, of Lynchburg visited his brother, J. Rufus Burnette and family for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes and Mildred Morgan spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown, of Gladstone.

Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. Mr. Beard spent the day hunting, and was dinner guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carson had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr and Mrs. Jim Robertson and daughter, Alice, Parks Jennings, and daughter, Frances, and Lee Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant had as their guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor and family, of Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson, Jr. and daughter, of Lynchburg, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Burnette on Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Lee is spending this week with her sisters, Mrs. Lee Wheeler and Mrs. Florence Carson. Mrs. Carson had a birthday on Tuesday. We wish her many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and son, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. Marvin Taylor spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mill, in North Carolina.

[illegible] of Emporia, and Mrs. Barrell, of Nelson spent the week-end in the home of J. O. Davidson and family.

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200-Inch 'Eye' to Be Ready in 1947

Resume Work on World's Biggest Telescope in California Soon.

PASADENA, CALIF.—The California Institute of Technology's huge 200-inch telescope is expected to begin seeking out the unknown depths of space some time in 1947.

The gigantic project, conceived in 1928 but halted by the war, is to be resumed. Dr. J. A. Anderson, executive secretary of the faculty council in charge of the $6,000,000 Rockefeller-grant undertaking, hopes to have the world's largest telescope functioning by a year from next June.

The observatory building atop Mt. Palomar, in San Diego county, is completed, as is an 11.8 mile road to the summit of the 5,568-foot mountain.

Shaping Is Big Job.

The main job is that of shaping the huge glass disk into a paraboloid, which will make it slope a few thousandths of an inch deeper at the center than the curve of a perfect sphere, and the final precision grinding with a rotating tool in Caltech's special cork-lined, dustless, temperature-controlled astrophysics laboratory. Manufacture of mechanical apparatus for the telescope is about 90 per cent completed.

Contrary to the general impression, the magnifying power of the 200-inch telescope will be moderate. It will wrest no secrets from such relatively close objects as the moon and the planets. The advantage of the instrument is its great light concentrating power, enabling observers to detect remote celestial objects.

The increased brightness of star images and nebulae already known will permit their spectra to be photographed with spectographs of higher dispersion.

What, then, does science stand to gain in the use of the big mirror?

Here's the Answer.

Dr. Max Mason, another member of Caltech's council, answers that question.

"We seek nothing less than clews to the great mystery of existence. We want knowledge to gain conscious control of man's evolution. We grope dimly through our ignorance, driven by an insatiable curiosity inherited from our simian ancestors. With such telescopes we will learn the makeup of the cosmos, the evolution of the stars as they are born, the life history of the whole universes of suns, and even the laws of behavior of the very matter which makes the bodies that our minds and spirits inhabit."

Specifically, science hopes to discover by this telescope whether the universe is expanding. The expanding universe theory presents the problem of whether millions of stellar systems hurtle outward after an explosive phenomenon occurring while they were bunched together in a relatively small space, or whether the results observed can be interpreted in some other way, possibly associated with the enormous distances which light must travel through space.

Piano Tuner Pitches Sour Note at His Class

CINCINNATI. — Tuning a piano is a long way from being child's play and it can't be learned in a hurry, says veteran Tuner Edwin Shearer who is at odds with the Cincinnati Music conservatory about it.

Shearer has been tuning pianos for more than half a century and he thinks that all piano tuners have to be musically inclined and that the art—he contends it is an art—cannot be learned in a class-room.

What brought it up was the conservatory's offering of a piano-tuning course for returned war veterans.

Alfred T. Reeves, who will instruct in the school, denied that any considerable knowledge of music was necessary to the prospective tuner.

Shearer sniffed, said that the only way to learn it right is to serve an apprenticeship in a piano factory for at least three years.

Uncle Sam First to Cash In on No-Ceiling Furs

WASHINGTON. — First benefits from removal of price ceilings on luxury furs appeared to have accrued to Uncle Sam himself. The fish and wildlife service, reporting on the first sale of government-owned Alaska sealskins since ceilings were removed, announced that prices advanced more than 87 per cent above the last sale in April.

The 23,408 sealskins and 316 fox skins taken from the Pribilof Islands brought the government $1,582,583. The sale, held in St. Louis, attracted 155 buyers.

Pantless Seaman Is Rescued Twice

SEATTLE. — Because he lost his trousers, a seaman had to be rescued twice.

The seaman fell off a gangplank and into the harbor; a young woman, hearing the splash, pulled the sailor from the water — and promptly dropped him back. And called the shore patrol.

The seaman lost his pants.

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Industry has found many new uses for pulpwood.

Sea School Stays At Sheepshead Bay

Maritime Service Will Give Training Courses.

WASHINGTON. — The maritime service training station at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, largest merchant marine training school in the world, will become a permanent installation, Capt. H. H. Dreany, assistant commandant of the United States Maritime service, said here.

The station will provide one-month refresher and upgrading courses for unlicensed merchant marine personnel.

Established in 1942 to train civilians in merchant marine entry ratings, Sheepshead Bay is to be one of five permanent installations which will maintain "a trained and efficient citizen personnel" for the postwar merchant fleet, according to Captain Dreany.

Fleet Will Need 100,000 Men.

Vice Adm. Emory S. Land, head of the Maritime Service, has anticipated a postwar merchant fleet of 17,500,000 tons, and Captain Dreany said such a fleet would require 100,000 unlicensed personnel.

Men entering the merchant marine probably will be trained at the St. Petersburg, Fla., maritime school, he said. The merchant marine academy at Kings Point, L. I., planned as a four-year "Annapolis" for merchant marine officers, will supply about one-fourth of the licensed personnel. Other officer candidates coming up through the nonlicensed ratings will take their training at Fort Trumbull, New London, Conn., and Alameda, Calif.

During the war, 10,000 men were trained at one time at the 76-acre Sheepshead Bay station. There are seven barracks, each housing 1,360 men, and a ship's company barracks housing 834. At present, about 4,800 men are in training there. Captain Dreany said the maritime service will continue the present program for the duration of the shipping emergency.

Rocks News

Rocks, Nov. 19.- Farmers are busy getting their tobacco ready for the market on December 3.

Mrs. W. R. Moore left last Friday for her home in Montgomery, W.Va. She stopped over in Lynchburg to see her sister, Mrs. E. M. Almond.

Robert Roach and son, Donald went to Appomattox Tuesday afternoon to get some iron roofing.

Quite a number went to Evergreen Wednesday night to hear the Rev. C. A. Collins, Jr., who preached there.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and children spent last Sunday afternoon with Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. Bernard Richardson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ranson are all smiles. "It's a girl."

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ranson, who have been in Norfolk for several years, are at Appomattox now.

Boyd Ranson and Charlie C. Ranson, of the Navy, arrived Friday. They received their discharges and are at their homes in Lynchburg.

These boys left the same day, and returned the same day.

Cecil Taylor, of near Honaker, Va., arrived last Sunday to visit his brother, James R., of Pamplin.

Little Mary Willie Ranson was sick a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin have returned to Greenbelt, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson went to Lyncburg Saturday.

Ned Almond, of Lynchburg was in the neighborhood Saturday. James R. Taylor was helping him cut ties.

H. Y. Goin spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Willie Orange, near Evergreen.

Herbert Goin called to see his sister, Mrs. Clarence Richardson awhile Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Dan, of Brookneal, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. Bernard Richardson and son, Myron, Sunday.

A. T. Anderson went to Appomattox Friday morning on business.

Joe Almond was not so well last week.

Emery and Wiley Ranson butchered a hog Thursday.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children, Ann and William called to see Cassie and A. A. Baldwin recently awhile one night.

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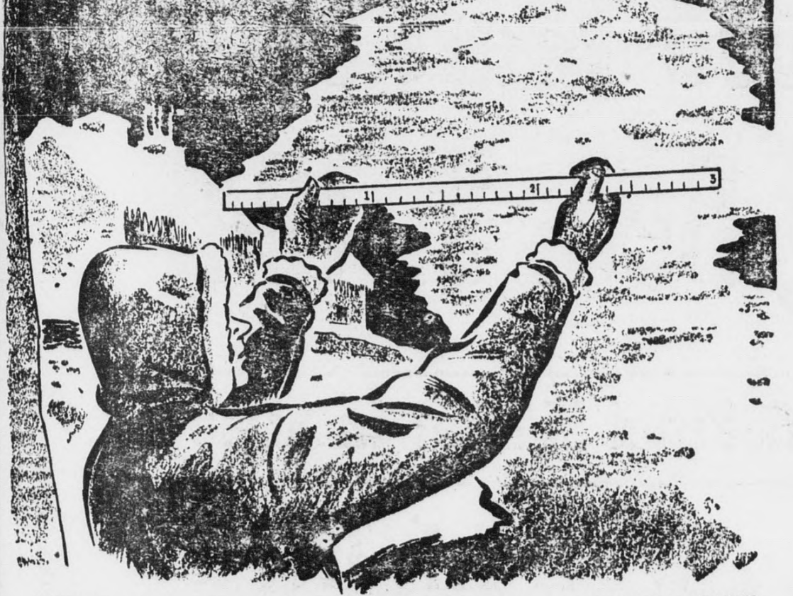

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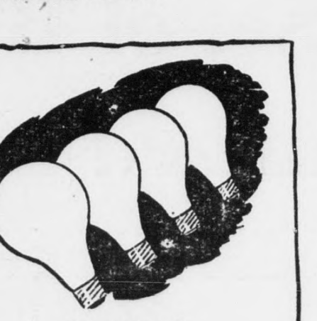

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Battleships Are Still Top in Naval Plans

Aircraft Carriers to Have Second Place.

WASHINGTON. — The navy has drawn plans for its postwar fleet allocating a secondary position to aircraft carriers, it was learned here, despite the leading role played by naval aviation in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

The number of large carriers would be cut to less than a third of the present total afloat or building, while the number of battleships would be reduced only about half.

This would mean a peacetime carrier force of perhaps 10 carriers of the 45,000-ton Midway or CVB class and the 27,000-ton Essex or CV class, with probably a dozen battleships.

Navy reports showed that on July 1 there were 20 CV's afloat and nine under construction. In addition, three CVB's were being built and one has since been commissioned. At that time there were also 23 battleships afloat and two building.

Battleship-minded top officials have forbidden public discussion of these plans by the so-called "air admirals."

In the Atlantic, baby flattops, known as CVE's and built on cargo ship hulls, were credited with beating the Nazi U-boat threat.

In the Pacific, the carriers became capital ships and all operations were built around them. They spearheaded every major move in the drive toward Japan.

When the war started there were but seven large carriers and 6,000 Navy pilots. The Japanese cut the number of carriers to three. By the end of the war there were two dozen large carriers, eight light or cruiser class carriers and 70 escort carriers with 55,000 navy and marine pilots.

Compared with seven carriers for 6,000 pilots, the present peace-time outline calls for around 18,000 naval aviators with but 10 carriers. Training time at sea presumably would be reduced sharply from the prewar standard.

Most of Imperial Palace Destroyed During War

TOKYO.—Emperor Hirohito's imperial palace, with the exception of one wing containing kitchens and banquet halls, was burned to the ground during the war, Brig. Gen. Elliot R. Thorpe said.

But, Thorpe added after a personal inspection, the palace was ignited by sparks from other blazing buildings in Tokyo and not from fire bombing by American Superfortresses.

The American officer said that Hirohito now is living in an area which had been set aside as a memorial to his marriage.

Thorpe made the military inspection tour, the first of the Japanese palace area in history, after a Jap request had been made for the retention of 4,000 guards for the imperial households in Tokyo and elsewhere in the country.

He said the palace grounds were generally in a run-down condition and that:

"I was amazed at the apparent lack of planning of the layout of the interior grounds. It was just like Topsy—it just grew.

"There were many wooden buildings and wooden fences, all packed closely together and all constituting a good fire hazard."

20 Truckloads of Arms Seized in Jap Homes

TOKYO. — Twenty truckloads of arms and ammunition have been gathered from private homes of Japs in Tokyo by American authorities working on a secret roundup with Jap police for four days.

Capt. Michael G. Frisch, Ithaca, N. Y., assistant provost marshal, said the roundup was made only as a precautionary measure.

The arms ranged from modern military pieces to quaint museum items and Samurai swords dating to the days of the Jap feudal system. Every possible weapon, including knives with blades nine inches or longer, were confiscated.

Jap Fleet Chief Killed Fleeing American Raid

TOKYO. —Adm. Mineichi Koga, former commander in chief of the Jap combined fleet, was killed in a plane crash in March, 1944, while fleeing a heavy American air raid on the Palau Islands, the newspaper Asahi reported.

After a furious American attack, the admiral and his staff decided they had better get out, Asahi said Jap sources disclosed. They boarded flying boats for Cebu in the Philippines.

Koga's plane ran into a thunderstorm and crashed into the sea. All aboard were lost, including Koga's aide, a Captain Yamaguchi.

Cage Even Fails to Curb Thieving Crow

CLEVELAND.—They put Sammy, the incorrigible thieving crow, in solitary confinement at Brookside zoo after he stole a set of automobile keys.

But they haven't stopped Sammy from stealing. Recently he grabbed a quarter from a seven-year-old girl and hid it in his cage. Her cries caused quite a commotion until the quarter was returned.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Nov. 26.- Lawson Pankey, of Richmond College, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pankey.

Mrs. L. M Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robertson were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette, of Evergreen, Thanksgiving day.

Miss Mary Rives Black, of Richmond spent the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodrum and family, and Linn Baldwin, of Hampton were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glover Baldwin and other relatives in Pamplin.

Bernard Wilkerson, A.C. M.M., Experimental Instructor, of Lakehurst, Mrs. Bernard Wilkerson and daughter, Patricia, were Thanksgiving week-end guests of the former's mother, Mrs. J.H. Wilkerson, and sister, Mrs. Glover Baldwin.

Miss Dorothy Baldwin, of Richmond spent Thanksgiving and the week-end at her home here.

Miss Sadie Woodon spent Thanksgiving at her home in Burkeville.

Mrs. W. R. J. Vanhoose, and daughter, Linda Sue, of Fort Gay, W. Va., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Payne.

Mrs. I. H. Wilkerson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Ivins, of Newport News.

Miss Jane Estes Martin spent Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. Flossie Martin.

A. J. Ponton, Jr. and son, Leah, of Newport News were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mrs. J. S. Moore was hostess to the Y. W. A. of Elon Church last Tuesday night. Mrs. T. C. Ligon was program leader.

Forest View

Forest View, Nov. 26.- Thanksgiving passed off quietly in this vicinity, with visitors in the homes of some.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hudson have much to be thankful for. They have three sons in the service and all were at home for Thanksgiving dinner. Landon Hudson, who was with Patton, and fought in several battles; Bascome Hudson, who served in the Navy, now in Portsmouth; and Mateland Hudson, who is stationed in Maryland, all home for the holidays. Also, their daughter, Mrs. Goad, of Lynchburg, was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Moses have a lot to be thankful for, too. Their son, Carl Moses, who had been away over three years, and stationed at Hawaii, was also home for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Edd Moses and son, Carl, spent a few days recently with her son, Marvin Moses and family at Deep Creek, near Portsmouth. Marvin and his family, and Mr. Banks accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Jim Marshall continues ill at his home near here.

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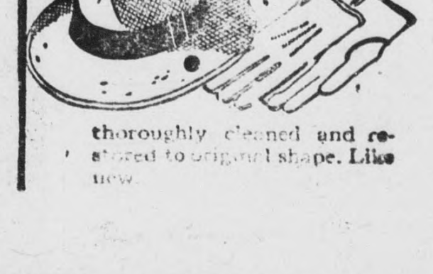
Chap Nash is progressing nicely with his new house, with the help of Raymond and Roy Nash.

L. D. Martin, of near Williamsburg and George Childress, of Richmond, are visiting in the home of W. C. Lee. They, in company with W. C. Lee spent awhile Sunday night in the home of J. A. Martin.



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